

## Business Watch Program

This program will provide the following to participating businesses:

- Key owner information for the Police Department during non-working hours.
- Inspection of the business to help deter and prevent crime from occurring.
- Suggestions to increase security and overall safety for employees and your customers.

*If interested in the Business Watch Program, contact The Bluffton Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit.*

**843-706-4550**

## Important Phone Numbers

### **Emergency 911**

Non-Emergency Bluffton Dispatch	757-3499
Dispatch Main Number	524-2777
Social Services	470-4600
Solicitor's Office	470-3725
Child Abuse Prevention	524-4350
Adult/Child Protective Services	525-7861
Bluffton Self Help	757-8000
United Way of the Low Country	982-3040

### Town of Bluffton Departments 20 Bridge Street

Town Hall Main Number	706-4500
Police Department Main Number	706-4550
Neighborhood Services Unit	706-4550
Bicycle Registration	706-4550
CARE Program	706-4550
Municipal Court	706-4530
Business License	706-4500



# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Graffiti*

*What to do and how to  
eliminate it.*

*The Bluffton Police Department is looking to enhance community safety, reduce crime rates, and assist the community in eliminating*

*Graffiti from all areas.*

*By partnering with local businesses, Citizens and Officers can get rid of graffiti and keep Bluffton Beautiful.*

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# What is Graffiti?

Graffiti is words, colors, and shapes drawn or scratched on buildings, overpasses, train cars, desks, and other surfaces. It's done without permission and is against the law. Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency. Fortunately, there are things we can all do to eliminate and prevent graffiti in our area.

Graffiti is the most common type of vandalism, and is against the law.

Graffiti increases instances of crime and delinquency in a given area.

There are four motivating factors for graffiti vandalism: fame, rebellion, self-expression, and power.

There are four types of graffiti:

## Hiphop (tagging)



## Gang

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## Hate



## Generic



## GRAFFITI PREVENTION

Rapid removal of graffiti is the best way for property owners to protect their neighborhood's image and preserve a sense of security

Control access by installing lighting around your property.

Use motion sensors in remote areas.

Incorporate shrubs and vines to restrict access to a potential graffiti target wall.

Wherever possible, use fences, controlled entrance and exits, rails, and other barriers that discourage through traffic.

Limit access to roofs by moving dumpsters away from walls and cover drainpipes and ladders to prevent vandals from scaling them.

Step up security by installing some type of security camera.

Consider protecting an area where graffiti has occurred in the past with a product designed to repel graffiti, allowing for easier clean-up.